

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1385

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Metropolitan Nashville Vice Mayor, John David Scobey.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John David Scobey, former Vice Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville; and

WHEREAS, David Scobey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as Metropolitan Nashville's Vice Mayor for nearly a quarter of a century, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and constituents alike for his tough, but fair, leadership and the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, elected in 1963 as a charter member of the Metro Council, Mr. Scobey served as Nashville's elected Vice Mayor from 1971 until 1995; during his tenure, which lasted through the administrations of four mayors, he worked assiduously to push through major projects, including the construction of Interstate 440 and the Nashville Convention Center and the relocation of a professional football team to Nashville; and

WHEREAS, David Scobey's successes in public office paralleled his impressive accomplishments in the sports arena; and

WHEREAS, a standout collegiate baseball and basketball player at David Lipscomb and Vanderbilt University, Mr. Scobey earned national acclaim as a college basketball and college football official; and

WHEREAS, he ably served the Southeastern Conference as a head linesman in football for twenty-five illustrious years, during which he officiated twelve major bowl games; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and honors, he was inducted into the Sports Halls of Fames of the TSSAA, Lipscomb High School, Lipscomb College, and Vanderbilt University; he also received the National Football Foundation "Contribution to Football" award; and

WHEREAS, David Scobey was noted for comparing his role as a sports official to that of vice mayor, saying: "There are two sides wanting your support, and you have to make up your mind."; and

WHEREAS, a master parliamentarian with clear and decisive management skills, Mr. Scobey was renowned for being unbiased and objective in both his political and officiating duties; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Nashville, David Scobey was the son of the late Robert Loyd and Corinne Spence Scobey; and

WHEREAS, a member of this country's Greatest Generation, Mr. Scobey bravely served his country during World War II as a proud member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, he rendered sterling service as a public accountant for nearly two decades before entering politics; and

WHEREAS, David Scobey was an active and devout member of the Woodmont Hills Church of Christ in Nashville and the Mt. Gilead Methodist Church in Georgetown, Kentucky, where he and his wife, Ellen Gregg Scobey, also owned a home; and

WHEREAS, David Scobey was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifteen years, Ellen Scobey, and was the proud father of John David Scobey, Jr., married to the former Marilyn Brooks; Stan Scobey, married to the former Mary Del Frank; Marilyn Swing, married to Joe; Carol Price, married to Tom; and Joan Dolen, married to Ron; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scobey will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, John David Scobey III, Jeff Scobey, Ann Price Larson, Emily Price Burden, Kimberly Price, John Price, and Tara Dolen Jewell; his five great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary Emma Reneau; and his brother, Robert Loyd Scobey, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, David Scobey was preceded in death by his wife of forty-eight years, Juanita Eagan Scobey; and

WHEREAS, David Scobey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John David Scobey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, as we pay tribute to his exemplary service as Vice Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Scobey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.